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Applicant: Hiroaki Yamamoto

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: METHOD FOR ENHANCING ACTIVITY TO REGENERATE ELECTRON

ACCEPTOR FOR OXIDOREDUCTASE IN MICROORGANISM CAPABLE OF PRODUCING SAID OXIDOREDUCTASE, AND USE OF MICROORGANISM

PREPARED BY SAID METHOD

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated May 11, 2001, be extended for three months to and including November 13, 2001, (November 11, 2001, being a Sunday, and November 12, 2001, being the Veteran's Day holiday).

Enclosed is a check for \$920 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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